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Honorable Philip A. Hart
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator:

This is in response to your inquiry on behalf of Geoffrey Gordon, who is a student at Norup Junior High in Oak Park, concerning the trial of Sirhan Sirhan for the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Sirhan was prosecuted by the California authorities, not by the Federal Government. We therefore have no official information concerning the case. We understand that Sirhan, who was sentenced to death, is appealing his conviction in the State courts. Perhaps the District Attorney in Los Angeles can provide you with official information.

Mr. Gordon's letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

Hugh M. Durham
Chief
Legislative and Legal Section

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

DEC 9 1971

A communication attached from:

Mr. Geoffrey Gordon
14220 Elgin
Oak Park, Michigan 48237

Respectfully referred to:

CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530

for such consideration as the communication transmitted herewith may warrant and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of the enclosure.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Hart

Philip A. Hart, U. S. S.

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Dear Senator Hart

I am 15 years old and a student at Norup Junior High in Oak Park. I am very interested in law, and hope to become a lawyer someday..

This evening at dinner, I asked my parents what ever happened to Sirhan Sirhan, the man who shot Robert Keneddy. They really could not give me any kind of an answer except to say that he is still in jail and they think he was found guilty. Is this so. If he is guilty, then what punishment is coming to him.

I do not understand why it took so long to get him to trail when so many people actually saw him do it.

Can you give me any information on this as I would like to find out "what happens next"

I hope you will find the time to answer this letter.

Sincerely

Geoffrey Gordon
14220 Elgin
Oak Park, Mich 48237

Geoffrey Gordon

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

October 26, 1971

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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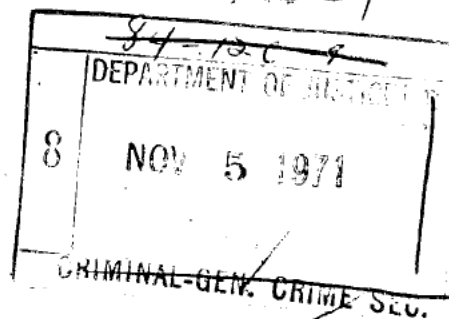
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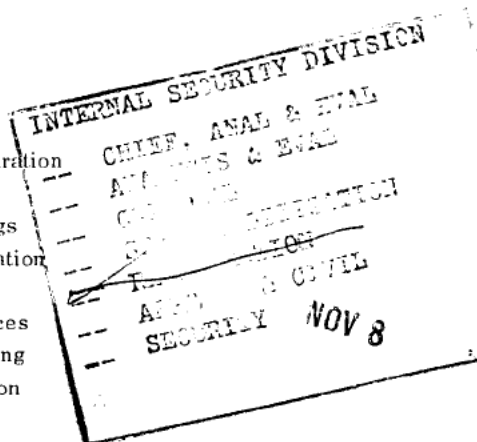
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☐ The Solicitor General
☐ The Deputy Attorney General
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☐ Chairman, Parole Board
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☐ Immigration and Naturalization Service
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☒ D. For your information.
☐ E. Please note change in caption of this case.

Mr. O'Shea
Mr. Kirby

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- cc: ☐ Attorney General ☐ Deputy Attorney General ☐ Civil Rights Div.
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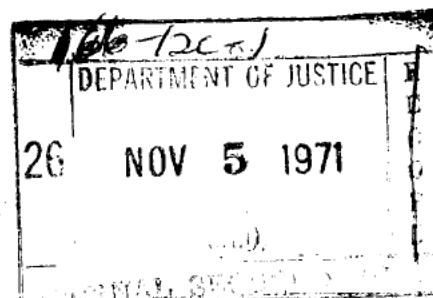
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Attorney General
Department of Justice
10th Street, & Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Sir:

The attached letter referred to the Department by the White House appears to contain subject matter that should be handled by your agency.

It would be appreciated if you would send the White House a copy of your reply to the Attention of Mr. Frank Matthews, White House Central Files, Room 68, Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Sincerely yours,

Donald J. Simon
Chief, Records Services Division

Enclosure:

Canadian

~~English~~ letter to the President dated July 26, 1971

From: Kane, Tom

Canada

cc:
White House Central Files
ATTENTION: Mr. Frank Matthews
Room 68
Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

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No reply necessary to jerk letter like this
OK

Mr. Thomas Kane,
1929 Wall Street,
Victoria, B.C.,
Canada.

July 26th, 1971.

Dear Mr. Nixon,

Three years or so ago, a character named Sirhan Sirhan, boldly shot Senator Robert Kennedy in front of several wide-eyed witnesses, yet this murderer is still kicking around some cozy jail, waiting for his greedy lawyers (I bet the lawyers are of the typical Jewish brand, too) to perform a big miracle.

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Just what the hell is the matter. Some people should be entitled to an attorney, but a very obvious criminal like Sirhan should be taken care of in a hurry by some competent judge, magistrate or even somebody in an authoritative position like yourself - too hell with the red tape.

Once you Americans start having logical justice and not loophole justice, I think you will find people regaining a good portion of their lost sanity, self-respect and security.

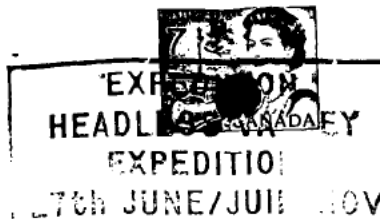
Remember, if people think and behave logically there will be a much pleasanter existence.

I am not fooling.

Tom Kane.



PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.,
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President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

I'm only a twelve year old girl but I'm concerned about the problem of killing. Somebody kills someone then they get put in jail for a period of about ten years. Then they are out of jail and out in the streets making more trouble.

For example, Sirhan Sirhan murderd Senator Kennedy . He's supposed to be in a jail but it sure dose not sound like a jail. He's living in a better house than many people have.

In the Bible it says if somebody kills somebody, He would get killed too.

But I know you are all for Law and Order and there are many against you. But I'm not.

Keep up the Good Work.

Yours very truly,

Carol Haddeman
Carol Haddeman

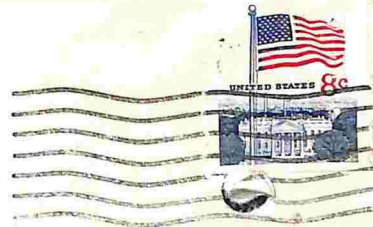
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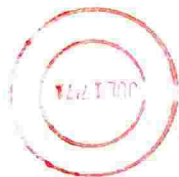
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President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
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Susan Weinberg
704 Valita St.
Venice, California

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July 5, 1971

Dear President Nixon,

My name is Susan Weinberg, I am 14 years old, I go to Mark Twain Junior High School in Venice California.

I just got through listening to the new record called, "What the world needs now." In it it talks about how Martin Luther King was assassinated, how John Kennedy was assassinated, and how Robert Kennedy was assassinated. I heard on this record that when a man asked a child what hatred, bigotry and segregation is, the child did not know! At the end of the record the man asked the child if he knew what prejudice is, the child said, "I think it means when somebody is sick," and that child is absolutely right!!! All through that record I cried and cried! Please tell me why these people must do this???? What about Sirhan Sirhan? The people of the United States are paying for his food and clothing and most probably he has an air conditioned cell!! We all know that he assassinated Robert Kennedy, in the meantime he is living instead of Robert Kennedy!! Don't you think it should have been the other way around??? Why is this man, no not a man, an animal still living? I know this is only one person that is talking out but can't you do something about it. All Sirhan Sirhan is doing is noting but wasting our parents and our money.

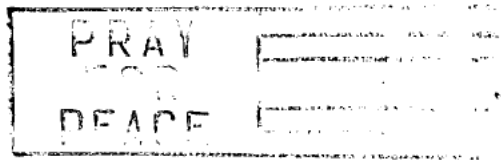
I know you could do something about it if you really really tried! You have helped many many people before! Try and help the citizens of this great country that you are president of!!!! I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN YOU!!!!

707 Valita Street
Venice, California 90291



President Richard M. Nixon
San Clemente White House,
San Clemente, California





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Mrs. R. Liegh Tillis
530 35th Avenue, North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33704

Dear Mrs. Tillis:

This is in reply to your correspondence
postmarked July 12, 1971. We apologize for our
delay in responding.

The American system of justice guarantees all
accused persons a trial, no matter how apparent their
guilt may seem.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. NORMAN
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Records
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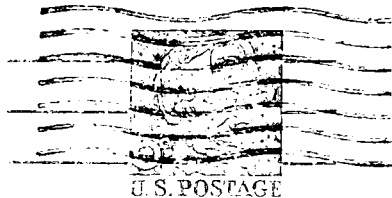
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Atty Gen Mitchell,
If you are so all-fired for
justice regardless of the
laws & the Constitution - why
in hell is all Sirhan still
alive for the terrible crime he
committed & we the people have
to pay for his keep! Why a trial
for him when hundreds of people
were eye witnesses? Why? Why?
Can't you do something about this?
Please give me an answer
Mrs. R. Leigh Lillis
530-35 Ave. N.

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RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL JUNE TWO INSTANT.

LOS ANGELES PRESS ARTICLE MAY TWENTY-NINE LAST, STATED
CHARGE BY LOS ANGELES ATTORNEY BARBARA WARNER BLEHR THAT
CRIMINALIST DE WAYNE A. WOLFER OF LAPD ERRED IN BALLISTICS
INVESTIGATION OF SIRHAN CASE.

BLEHR ALLEGES THAT WOLFER NEVER TEST FIRED GUN
TAKEN FROM SIRHAN ON NIGHT SENATOR KENNEDY SHOT. SHE
FURTHER ALLEGES WOLFER TEST FIRED A DIFFERENT GUN AND
THAT BULLETS TAKEN FROM VICTIMS OF KENNEDY SHOOTING
MATCHED THIS SECOND GUN.

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TWO PHOTOS FORWARDED BY BLEHR WITH HER LETTER TO
THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IN EFFORT TO BLOCK WOLFER'S
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EXHIBIT FIFTY FIVE FROM THE SIRHAN TRIAL. EXHIBIT FIFTY FIVE IS ENVELOPE CONTAINING THREE BULLETS PURPORTEDLY FIRED FROM SIRHAN'S GUN. THIS EXHIBIT IS CURRENTLY IN SAN FRANCISCO AT STATE APPELATE COURT. ACCORDING TO BLEHR THIS EXHIBIT BEARS IN WOLFER'S HANDWRITING NOTATION THAT SIRHAN'S GUN BORE SERIAL NUMBER H ONE EIGHT SIX ZERO TWO.

TRIAL RECORDS SHOW GUN TAKEN FROM SIRHAN BORE SERIAL NUMBER H FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO FIVE. BLEHR ALLEGES THAT ONLY CONCLUSION THAT CAN BE REACHED IS THAT TWO SIMILAR GUNS WERE FIRED AT SCENE OF KENNEDY SHOOTING.

JOHN E. HOWARD, CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHO WAS ONE OF THE SIRHAN PROSECUTORS, ADVISED ON JUNE TWO INSTANT THAT ON JUNE SIX SIXTY EIGHT WOLFER TEST FIRED GUN TAKEN FROM SIRHAN, SERIAL NUMBER H FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO FIVE. ON JUNE SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT, [REDACTED] TESTIFIED FOR GRAND JURY INDICTMENT OF SIRHAN THAT SPENT BULLET RECOVERED FROM KENNEDY'S BODY WAS FIRED FROM SIRHAN GUN SERIAL NUMBER H FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO FIVE. HOWARD ADVISED PRELIMINARY SKIM OF GRAND JURY AND TRIAL TRANSCRIPT SHOWS NO INCONSISTENCY IN [REDACTED]'S TESTIMONY. SIRHAN GUN WAS ENTERED AS EVIDENCE AT GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS JUNE SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT. LAPD INVESTIGATION

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SUMMARY OF THE SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ON PAGE SIX FORTY NINE, VOLUME FIVE, SETS FORTH THAT COMPARISON BETWEEN SIRHAN GUN AND SPENT BULLET REMOVED FROM SIXTH CERVICAL VERTEBRA OF SENATOR KENNEDY SHOWED BULLET FIRED FROM SAME GUN, SERIAL NUMBER H FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO FIVE.

JOHN HOWARD FURTHER ADVISED THAT WOLFER MADE ROUTINE REQUEST FOR GUN SIMILAR TO SIRHAN GUN FOR TEST FIRING FOR ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

POWDER BURNS AND THAT THIS GUN, SERIAL NUMBER H ONE EIGHT SIX ZERO TWO, WAS LATER DESTROYED.

ON BASIS OF INQUIRY MADE TO DATE, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT WOLFER PUT WRONG SERIAL NUMBER OF GUN ON EXHIBIT FIFTY FIVE.

HOWARD IS CONDUCTING COMPLETE INQUIRY INTO TRIAL TRANSCRIPT TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. HOWARD IS DESIGNATING DEPUTY ATTORNEY TO THOROUGHLY EXAMINE GRAND JURY AND TRIAL TRANSCRIPT AND ALL PERTINENT EXHIBITS. HOWARD ESTIMATES COMPLETE REVIEW WILL TAKE SEVERAL DAYS.

Typed: 6-8-72

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JUN 14 1972

Mr. Peter Garand
65-24 174th Street
Flushing, New York 11365

Dear Mr. Garand:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your correspondence of May 17, 1972. We apologize for our delay in responding.

We are sure you can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all the correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write him about your views.

Sincerely,

DAVID L. NORMAN
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

ROBERT R. RUSH
Attorney
Voting and Public Accommodations

cc: Records
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PETER GARAND
65-24 174TH STREET
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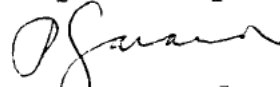
Pres Richard M Nixon
White House
Washington, D C

Honorable Sir:

It seems to me a great disservice to the American people not to have electrocuted the murderer of Robert Kennedy. His being able to stay alive only invites other persons to shoot and kill politicians or respected leaders of our nation.

Only courageous little Israel shows the strength and conviction of how to handle murderers and blackmailers. When too shall American leaders show the courage of putting these people in the electric chair where they rightfully belong?

Respectfully



Peter Garand

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PRES. RICHARD NIXON
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Honorable Henry Bellmon
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

4-20
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Dear Senator Bellmon:

This is in response to your correspondence enclosing a letter from Mr. W. W. Hulsey, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, concerning the Sirhan Sirhan trial. Please excuse my delay in replying.

Mr. Sirhan was charged with an offense against the State of California. He was therefore prosecuted in the Courts of that State and not by the federal government. Since we have not been involved in the prosecution nor advised as to the expenses involved, I suggest that Mr. Hulsey may wish to seek the desired information from the appropriate California officials.

Your enclosures are returned herewith.

Sincerely,

cc: Records
Chrono
Hoffman
Corres. Unit
Hubbard
Prather

DAVID L. NORMAN
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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DATE: April 29, 1971

To: Mrs. Lucille Whieldon
Civil Rights
900 - Todd

From: Herbert E. Hoffman
Chief, Legislative & Legal Section
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Subject: Correspondence from:

Sen. Henry Bellmon re unanswered communication
from W.W. Hulsey (11/4/70) relative to Sirhan
Sirhan case

Responsibility

_____ Prepare reply for signature of Deputy Attorney General and forward to Herbert E. Hoffman, Room 4117, Main Justice.

XX Make an appropriate reply with a copy to Herbert E. Hoffman, Room 4117, Main Justice.

Department File No.: 166-12C-1 To C.L.

Miscellaneous Information:

_____ Interim reply is being/has been made.

XX No interim reply is being made.

_____ Copy of incoming correspondence attached.

XX Original of incoming correspondence attached.

_____ Please return attachment.

United States Senate

Washington, D. C., 4/20, 1971

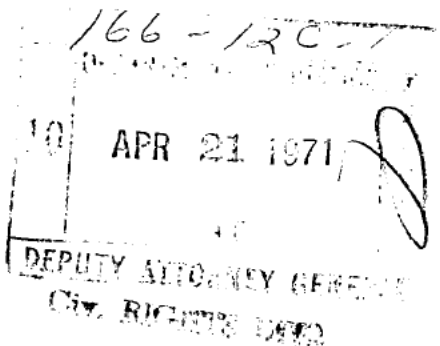
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U. S. Department of Justice
Congressional Liaison Office

Attached are copies of correspondence which we have received from Mr. W. W. Hulsey relative to the Sirhan Sirhan case. We made an inquiry in November, however, never received a reply. We would appreciate your attention and reply to his letter dated November 4th.

Please return this information as soon as possible to:

K. L. Nordstrom
4203 New Senate Office Bldg.
225-5754



Henry Bellmon

U. S. S.

PLEASE EXPEDITE

THIS MAIL SHOULD BE
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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

W. W. HULSEY
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March 31, 1971

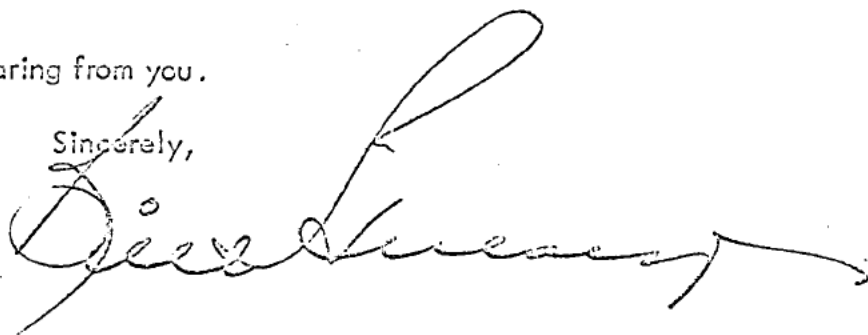
The Honorable Henry Bellmon
The United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Henry:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter dated November 4, 1970
regarding the Sirhan Sirhan case, and I would still
appreciate a reply.

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to W. W. Hulsey, written over the word "Sincerely,".

WWH:cam
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November 4, 1970

W. W. HULSEY
PRESIDENT

The Honorable Henry Bellmon
The United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Henry:

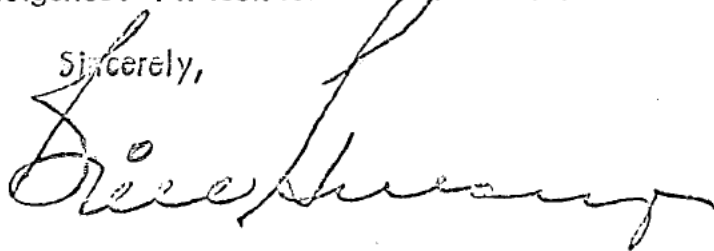
The details of the Sirhan Sirhan case are extremely important to me, and I can think of no better vehicle than the United States Congress and Senate to obtain the answers to questions I am outlining below:

- 1) How much taxpayer's money has been spent on Sirhan to date exclusive of the \$900,000 spent on his trial in Los Angeles;
- 2) The amount of federal funds being used to subsidize his family due to the cruelty imposed upon them by the press;
- 3) Why the legal intanglements posed by Sirhan's lawyers cannot be brought up and answered immediately so the death penalty can be imposed either in San Quentin or another appropriate institution.

In summary, I'd like to know the exact expense incurred by the government to date, what the future holds, when we can expect some action and exactly what the United States government plans to do with the man who has been accused of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

Thanks for your indulgence. I'll look forward to your reply.

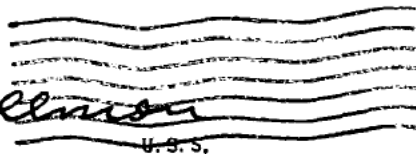
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United States Senate

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U. S. Department of Justice
Congressional Liaison Office
Washington, D. C.

19 March 1971

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE

Mr. Jerris Leonard

I was told that you don't due anything in any cases, but I didn't believe it well I know now that you don't administer any Justice. I talked to A Attorney, and he said that you don't due anything in any cases, well I know now that you don't. I also know it is legal to kill someone through Social Security Administrations, To form a society the way they see fit. I give up, I once was a happy person, And Your Social Security is on a Federal level, and to achieve justice is a remote possibility. What your saying in effect is that you don't administer any justice at all, just pass the buck to know wheirs land. I was dam near killed through a federal media. I was told that you don't due anything in any cases, I now believe that. Just another due nothing Bureau in Washington. Ipersonaly beleive that you should be removed from you due nothing Bureau the Just Ice Department and relieve the tax payers of the expense of due nothing Bureaus such as yours. Because when it gets right down to brass tacks you pass the buck. O.K. So you don't due anything but let your Social Security Administrations form the society in which we live. I trouty don't want to live in society wheir you are controled. P.S. I don't want to live anymore.

Signed Mr. Edward T. Compton

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Mr. Edward Tyrus Compton
8146 Norwalk Blvd Apt 7
Whittier, 90604
California



U.S. Department Of Justice

Washington D.C. 20530

P.S. I don't except your Apology

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Box 125
Jasper, Minnesota
January 25, 1971

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to know what happened to Sirhan Sirhan. Is he being allowed to run free after killing one of America's greatest persons? Was all that news about the gas chamber or electric chair true? Isn't he going to pay at all for murdering Robert Kennedy? Everyday people who kill other everyday people are sentenced either to death or life imprisonment. Are you going to just forget about it or do something? Please don't just toss this in a drawer or throw it away. Please answer me. I would really like to know.

Sincerely,
Barla Clercx

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Box 125
Jasper, Minnesota
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President Richard M. Nixon
White House
Washington D.C.



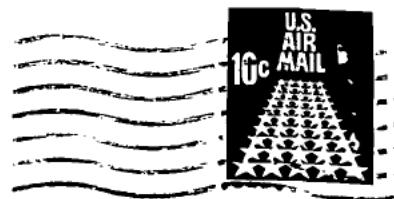
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Master President Richard Milhouse Nixon

I filled complaint Last year
at your Justice Department is their
going to be any justice brough forth
in my case or not. The time element
is starting to bother me. Please advise
as to what steps must be taken in
order to establish some justice or is our
Government just a bunch of due nothing
Bureaus in Washington. I due beleive
that you are a starter of all departments
correct. They all come under your heading
so get you Justice Department to justifying
OK. Thanks signed A United States Citizen

OK. Thanks

Edward Syrus Compton

Mr. Edward J. Compton
Post Office Box 471
Pice River 90660



President
Attention Richard Milhouse Nixon
Washington D.C. 20530

U.S. Justice Department Washington D.C.
Attention Jervis Leonard

Please send out information of Complaint
or just acknowledgement of complaint.
filled last year - Just don't let complaint
hit the dead letter file in your Justice
Department with due respect to the Laws
I do feel as though my Complaint be
answered and fulfilled. P.S. I been looking
for Jobs all over there just isn't any.
With money will start small business
of my own.

signed

Edward Compton

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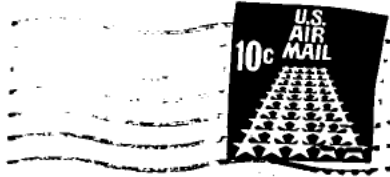
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MP

Mr. Jerris Leonard
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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of complaint filled last year. OK. Thanks

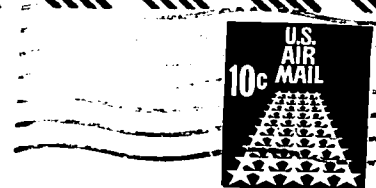
And if you department is just
another due nothing department in
Washington and there's no answer to
Complaint Please regard this as factual
I want to die. So either need requests
filled last year or send out dissolution
tablet. There are no jobs in available in
California looked tell I blue in face.

signed a U S Citizen

Edward J. Compton

Edward J. Compton
Post Office Box 471
Rice, Indiana 46660

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U.S. Department of Justice
Master Jerris Leonard
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Washington D.C. 20530

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MAR 17 1971

Mr. Edward T. Compte
Post Office Box 471
Pico Rivera, California 90660

Dear Mr. Compte:

This is in reply to your correspondence postmarked January 17, 21, 22 and 23, 1971. We apologize for our delay in responding.

We have given careful consideration to the information you have furnished. The circumstances you describe do not, however, warrant action by this Department.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

NELSON F. PAPUCCI
Attorney

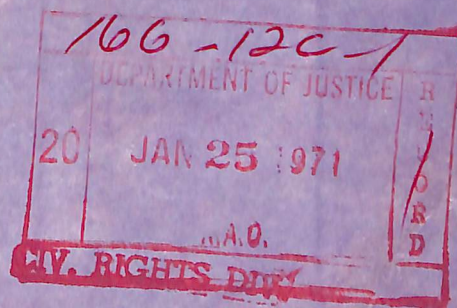
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Attention Jerris Leonard

Please send out recognition of Complaint
filled last year. And Advise as to what
Steps must be taken to establish some
justice. O.K. Thanks a United States
Citizen

Mr. Edward J. Compton



Mr. Edward J. Compte
Post Office Box 471
Pico Rivera 90660
California -



Attention Jervis Leonard
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington D.C. 20530

Attention Jerris Leonard

Please advise as to what steps must be taken to establish Justice through your Department. I am getting restless with no response to previous letters sent out. Please send out confirmation of complaint and as to what steps must be taken to rectify mistakes made at Social Security Administration in whether run by Normans. If there isn't any Justice administered in such cases please advise in the negative form. And if there is please advise in positive form. Ok thanks.

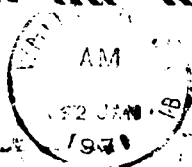
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P.S. Or is your Justice Department just another joke just as your Housing Department in Washington I been about pushed in ground.
Edward Compton

Mr. Edward J. Compton
Post Office Box 471
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VIA AIR MAIL

Jerris Leonard
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington D.C. 20530

— Please reply to this letter —

Attention Jervis Leonard

I feel as though my request for
100 thousand dollars and no cents
be met for the following Reason:
There has to be a plug put in those
murders. Administered through Social
Security Administration throughout
the Country. Because if you don't meet
my request nothing stopping them
or further murders to anyone at any age.
And furthermore with Laws only working
one way that is Communism. So beat up
those presses in front. Tune me in
for request. Thank You United States

signed

Edward Syrus
PS Getting tired of waiting

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Attention - Jerris Leonard
U.S. Justice Department
Washington D.C.

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- And I getting writing cramps -
- Do something about complaint -

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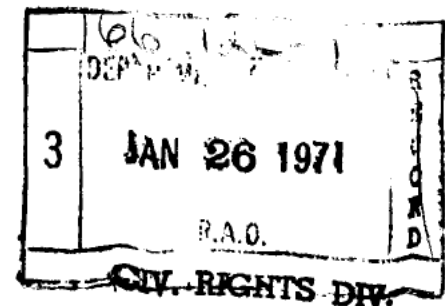
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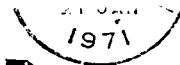
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filled last year. Send out anything. But
please confirm Complaint filled last year.

OK Thanks Mr. Edward D. Compton



Mr. Edward J. Compton
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Attention Jervis Leonard
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington D.C. 2050

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Attention: Jerris Leonard

Sent complaint earlier please advise
as to what steps must be taken to achieve Justice
from miss leads pulled through Social Security
Administration in Whittier run by Mornans.

Or is your Justice Department just a nother
do nothing Department in Washington.

I am presently existing from Month to Month
Eeker I achieve Justice for complaint or just
send out the pill I getting very disgusted with
your do nothing bureaus in Washington.
And your Social Security Administration in
Whittier Run by Mornans made it impossible
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→ signed a United States Citizen

Edward D. Compton

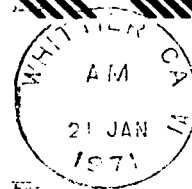
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Dear Sir: - JAN 2 1 1971

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Sirhan Sirhan ~~was~~ when the F.B.I
knows there were 10 shots fired & he
had only 8 in his gun. He was also
in front of Bobby Kennedy all the time,
yet the bullet that killed Kennedy
so the County Coroner says, came from
& fired from behind.
Why hasent there been any

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investigation into this? Maybe
because it was the temporary
hotel guard? If not let's find
out. Why has it taken all this
time to find out.

Maybe Lishan wanted to
but he didn't & couldn't
have done it.

Sincerely,
Betty Elmsled.



JAN 14 1971

President Nixon
Western White House
San Clemente
Calif.

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movie dealt imaginatively with Kennedy's loss of a PT boat in the Pacific and it exaggerated the nature of his injuries in action. In fact, it pictured him as a hero

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# Hoover's Boss Isn't Upset Yet

Washington, Dec. 18 (News Bureau)—Attorney General John Mitchell said today he would back FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover—and his controversial public statements—“until he gets to the point where he is doing something improper.”

Mitchell, meeting the press for the first time in five months, sidestepped a number of questions on the 75-year-old FBI chief's headline-making pronouncements, some of which have sparked congressional calls for Hoover's resignation.

“I wouldn't try to impede Mr. Hoover's freedom of speech,” said Mitchell, who, on paper at least, is Hoover's boss.

“Until he gets to the point where he is doing something improper—and he hasn't come anywhere near reaching that point, and I don't expect him to—he can say anything he wants to,” Mitchell declared.

In recent testimony before Congress, Hoover accused two anti-war priests, the Revs. Philip and Daniel Berrigan, of leading a conspiracy to kidnap a high government official.

In an interview, Hoover labeled former Attorney General Ramsey Clark a “jellyfish,” and blasted another former attorney general, the late Robert F. Kennedy, for wanting to recruit more Negro G-men.

And Hoover told a news magazine that Mexicans and Puerto Ricans pose little threat to a President because “they can't



Associated Press Wirephoto  
Attorney General Mitchell  
meets press at Justice Department yesterday.

shoot straight.”

Hoover added, however: “If they come at you with a knife, beware.”

These last remarks led Rep. Ed-

ward Roybal (D-Calif.) to demand that President Nixon ask for the director's resignation. Sen. Joseph Montoya (D-N.M.) was just as upset, but all he asked for was a public apology. Roybal's request got a noncommittal, two-sentence reply from a White House aide. Montoya said he hasn't even received that yet.

Mitchell said today that “in context,” Hoover meant no racial slur.

## “Haven't Been Asked”

On other matters, Mitchell sought to put down persistent reports that he will soon quit the cabinet to run Nixon's 1972 reelection campaign.

“I haven't been asked, and I sure as hell am not going to volunteer for it,” Mitchell said. Two years ago Mitchell was Nixon's campaign manager. Today the attorney general described the President's reelection chances as “excellent.”

## Campus Decisions

On other matters, Mitchell:

- Said the federal government plans no further action in the slaying of two young blacks at Jackson State College in Mississippi last spring, and that no decision had been made on whether a federal grand jury probe of the Kent State shootings is necessary.

- Said “the total matter of housing patterns in desegregation is under review.”

- Announced the filing of a suit against the huge Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. for discharging cyanide into the Cuyahoga River near Cleveland. It was the second water pollution suit filed by the Justice Department since the establishment two weeks ago of the Environmental Protection Agency.

# The Canadian

**Park to Shuffle Cabinet**  
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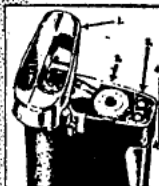
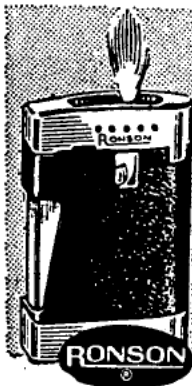
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New York City, N. Y. 10025.  
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Attorney General Mitchell  
Dept. of Justice  
Washington  
D.C.

12/24

- Justice Department - to whom it may concern -

I regards to previous letters  
sent. How about administering  
a little Justice in both our cases.  
I served My County Honorably so I think  
I entitled to your services. I regards to  
my complaint about both cases.

Don't let this Country go without laws and Justice  
Signed Edward Tyrus Compton

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Dear President Nixon,

I would appreciate it very much if you would answer these questions for me.

Why hasn't Sirhan Sirhan gotten the gas chamber yet? Everybody knows he killed Robert Kennedy? He's not even a citizen of the United States.

Is James R. Hoffa still in jail?

Why are we fighting another country's war? You can't even call it a war because Congress hasn't declared it so.

Are we also involved, in anyway, in the disruption between Jordan and Israel?

Please write and answer my questions to 1376 Ragley Hall Rd.

Atlanta, Georgia

3031

Sincerely,  
Jan Zochem

P.S. Have a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.

1376 Ragley Hall Rd NE  
Atlanta, Georgia  
30319



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President Richard Nixon  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave.  
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CRIMINAL DIVISION

Dear Sir,

I'm always glad to receive letters from you. I like to try to keep up with the times. But why isn't anything done with that man Sir Han Sir Han? He killed a man we know, he is guilty and yet he just sits around in a cell taking it easy. If I was president I would have him in the gas chamber as fast as you can blink an eye. It's been two years and that nut just sits around and takes it easy.

Robert Francis Kennedy was a good and great man. He always loved his wife and children. He would do anything that would please his family. Now he has left both a good wife and eleven wonderful children. He was forty-two years old when he was killed. He was loved by the majority of the people. There were people who hated him but everyone is hated by someone, even I am.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Skitinski

Cheryl Skibinski  
25 Mc. Quire Rd.  
Trumbull, Conn,  
06611

Mr. President  
Pennsylvania Ave,  
Washington, D.C

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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
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Dear Mr. Nixon, <sup>C.D.</sup>  
I hope you have a very joyous  
Christmas and New Year. But mainly I  
want to say I think something should be  
done about Sirhan Sirhan. I am only  
in seventh grade but I think some-  
thing should be done. He murdered  
Bobby Kennedy whom I admired greatly.  
Don't get me wrong you are a great  
president. But Sirhan Sirhan took the life  
of a great person and his jail cell has  
a color t.v. and his accommodations are much  
better than mine. My friends agree with me  
fully. I don't want to take up too much  
of your time because I have written to you  
before and I don't want to bother you. If  
you could do something about Sirhan Sirhan  
I would be truly grateful, so would my friends  
thank you.

Sincerely yours,  


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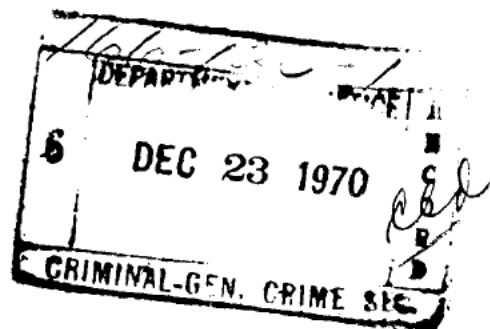
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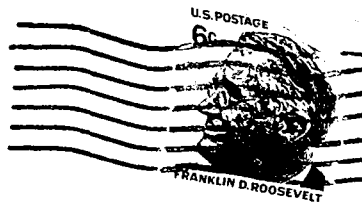
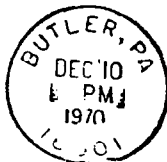
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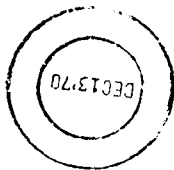
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Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.  
Executive Director  
Committee to Investigate Assassinations  
925 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Fensterwald:

Reference is made to your letter of October 19, 1970 with attachments requesting access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the matter of Sirhan B. Sirhan.

I am unable to comply with your request for the reason that such files are not subject to disclosure under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(7).

Your check dated October 19, 1970 and drawn on the Riggs National Bank is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. KLEINDIENST  
Deputy Attorney General

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The Deputy Attorney General

November 18, 1970

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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① - Assistant Attorney General  
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October 19, 1970

Attorney General John Mitchell  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Attached hereto is a completed form DJ-118, a request for access to official records under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 28 CFR Part 16.

The records sought are an FBI file with respect to Sirhan B. Sirhan.

If it were not for the fact that the file in question had been made available to writer Robert Blair Kaiser, and had not Mr. Kaiser made this fact known in his new book, RFK Must Die, [please see Attachment], you might be inclined to answer that the records in question were within an exemption in 5 U.S.C. 552. However, as they have been made available to a commercial writer and are the basis, at least in part, for his published book, we can see no reason why they should not be made equally available to our Committee, as 5 U.S.C. 552 require equality of treatment in access to records.

Therefore, we hope that the records can be made available without serious delay.

Most respectfully yours,

*Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.*  
Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.  
Executive Director

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FBI Office File 56-156, Bureau File 62-587, approximately 4,000 pages of reports from FBI Special Agents with respect to an investigation of Sirhan B. Sirhan, made upon request of the Attorney General.

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# "R.F.K. Must Die!"

A History of  
the Robert Kennedy Assassination  
and Its Aftermath

by  
Robert Blair Kaiser



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"... did anybody pay you to shoot Kennedy?" 321

"Of course it does," said Berman, wondering to himself just how the judge could be persuaded to let that happen.

"And I've got some books," said Jabara fiercely, "that ought to go in evidence."

"I'd like to have them right away," said Berman. "And anything else you've got on the subject."

Jabara smiled and relaxed enough to enjoy the greatest fried shrimp in town. "Okay," he said. "Okay."

"Here," I said, pushing a plate at Jabara, "have a fortune cookie and see what the fates have in store."

Jabara took a sip of tea, opened his cookie carefully and burst into a roar of laughter. He handed over a tiny scrap of paper imprinted with the message: "DON'T LET YOUR ENTHUSIASM OVERRIDE THE REALITY AROUND YOU." Jabara laughed again.

While the lawyers settled down to the weary task of picking twelve jurors and six alternates, I continued to read the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Office File 56-156, Bureau File No. 62-587. It was impressively heavy, comprising at least 4,000 pages of reports from special agents all over the United States who looked into the case of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan upon request of the Attorney General of the United States under the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

And it was well written. The report of the assassination itself by Amador O. Richards, Jr., of the Los Angeles office was a model of telegraphic clarity.

At approximately 12:15 A.M., 6/5/68, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY proclaimed victory in California primary election in crowded Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. As SENATOR KENNEDY and party were leaving Embassy Room through kitchen and a series of shots were fired by an unknown individual, subsequently identified as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. SENATOR KENNEDY fell backward onto floor, critically wounded with bullet in brain. SIRHAN wrestled to floor, disarmed and turned over to Los Angeles, California, police department (LAPD).

The reports gave me a chance to verify many of the associations Sirhan had already told me about. Here were summaries of FBI interviews with persons who had known Sirhan in school and with some of those who had

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Deputy Attorney General

DATE: November 18, 1970

*JAS*  
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Honorable Fred R. Harris  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Harris:

This is in response to your correspondence enclosing a letter from Mr. W.W. Hulsey, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, concerning the Sirhan Sirhan trial.

Mr. Sirhan is charged with an offense against the State of California. He is therefore being prosecuted in the Courts of that State and not by the federal government. Since we are not involved in the prosecution nor advised as to the expenses involved, I suggest that Mr. Hulsey may wish to seek the desired information from the appropriate California officials.

Your enclosures are returned herewith.

Sincerely,

cc: Records

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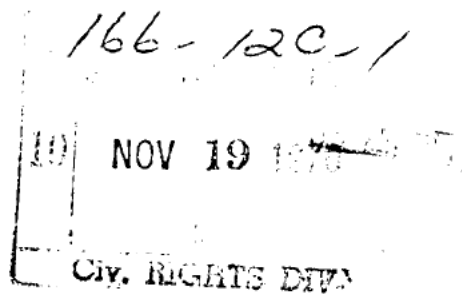
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Mr. W. W. Hulsey  
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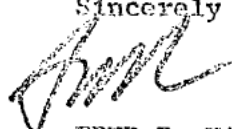
Dear Mr. Hulsey:

I received your recent letter in which you requested information of the expense incurred by the U. S. government in connection with the Sirhan Sirhan trial.

I am contacting the U. S. Department of Justice for a report on this matter. I will be in touch with you as soon as I have a report.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,



FRED R. HARRIS  
U. S. Senate

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November 4, 1970

W. W. HULSEY  
PRESIDENT

The Honorable Fred R. Harris  
The United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Fred:

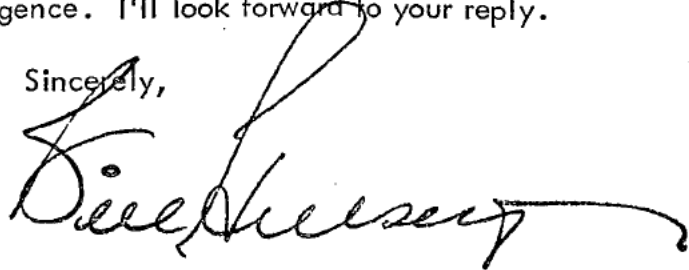
The details of the Sirhan Sirhan case are extremely important to me, and I can think of no better vehicle than the United States Congress and Senate to obtain the answers to questions I am outlining below:

- 1) How much taxpayer's money has been spent on Sirhan to date exclusive of the \$900,000 spent on his trial in Los Angeles;
- 2) The amount of federal funds being used to subsidize his family due to the cruelty imposed upon them by the press;
- 3) Why the legal intanglements posed by Sirhan's lawyers cannot be brought up and answered immediately so the death penalty can be imposed either in San Quentin or another appropriate institution.

In summary, I'd like to know the exact expense incurred by the government to date, what the future holds, when we can expect some action and exactly what the United States government plans to do with the man who has been accused of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

Thanks for your indulgence. I'll look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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# United States Senate

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Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.  
Executive Director  
Committee to Investigate  
Assassinations  
927 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Fensterwald:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 12, 1970 in further reference to your request for access to a report entitled "An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination, June 5, 1968", a copy of which was furnished this Department by the Los Angeles Police Department.

I am unable to comply with your request for the reason that this report is the property of the Los Angeles Police Department. As such, it is not a "record" of the Department of Justice within the meaning of the Public Information Section of the Administrative Procedure Act. Further, even assuming that the report could properly be considered such a "record" it is not subject to disclosure under the provision of 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(b)(7).

As stated in my letter of October 8, 1970, I suggest you communicate with the Chief of Police at Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Richard G. Kleindienst  
Deputy Attorney General

October 8, 1970

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Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.  
Executive Director  
Committee to Investigate  
Assassinations  
927 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Fensterwald:

We have received your request dated September 25, 1970 for access to a nine volume report entitled "An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination, June 5, 1968."

This report, summarizing results of investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was furnished to the Justice Department by the Los Angeles Police Department.

It is the policy of the Justice Department not to disclose investigatory reports and records submitted to the Department by state and local law enforcement agencies. May I suggest you communicate with Mr. Edward M. Davis, Chief of Police, Parker Center, 150 N. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 and submit your request to him.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Kleindienst  
Deputy Attorney General

bcc: H. KOFFSKY  
Criminal Div.

October 8, 1970

Mr. Edward M. Davis  
Chief of Police  
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150 N. Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Chief Davis:

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We have recently received a request from Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr. for access to these volumes. A copy of Mr. Fensterwald's request is attached hereto.

Since this material was furnished us by your Police Department, we have instructed Mr. Fensterwald that his request should be directed to you. I am enclosing for your information a copy of my letter to Mr. Fensterwald.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Kleindienst  
Deputy Attorney General

Encl.

bcc. H. KOFFSKY  
CRIMINAL DIV.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Deputy Attorney General

DATE: October 5, 1970

FROM : *[Signature]* Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF  
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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Criminal Division



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The Deputy Attorney General

October 5, 1970

Director, FBI

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, F.B.I.

Sept. 30, 1970

Richard G. Kleindienst  
Deputy Attorney General

Freedom of Information Act'

Attached is a request for information relating to the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy from Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., Executive Director of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations.

Mr. Fensterwald is requesting ten volumes entitled "An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination", which he claims are in the files of this Department.

Would you please advise me whether we have these records and comment on Mr. Fensterwald's request.

BERNARD FENSTERWALD, JR.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS

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DESCRIPTION OF RECORD REQUESTED (include any information which may be helpful in locating record)

Ten illustrated bound volumes entitled An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination, compiled by Los Angeles Chief of Detectives Robert F. Houghton, author of Special Unit Senator (Random House, 1970). Please see attached copies of pages from Houghton's book.

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# Special Unit Senator

THE INVESTIGATION OF  
THE ASSASSINATION OF  
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY



*by Robert A. Houghton*

*Chief of Detectives, Los Angeles Police Department*

*with Theodore Taylor*



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few days, some officers were conducting interviews without ever having seen the pantry, or accurate plans of it.

"A plot, plan, map, schematic, or whatever is applicable, and a brief statement of facts should be laid out, reproduced and made available to every department command, and staff, and to the investigators assigned to conducting interviews," Keene added. Pena recommended a "walk through the crime scene by every officer conducting interviews."

The three supervising officers were also critical of "detective note-taking," and failure to properly describe witnesses. Polaroid photographs would have been useful, serving the same purpose as Keene's recommendation that "there is no place in an operation of this type for handwritten reports." In short, the modern case of sound tape proved itself.

I would agree with these constructive criticisms of the investigation. In retrospect, anything can be improved. Generally, however, I believe the department responded well in those first hectic, confusing hours. Men like Hughes, Jordan, Sillings, Sharaga, and many others, took the first shock. So did citizens at the scene, men like Dr. Abo, Jesse Unruh, Karl Uecker, Rosie Grier, Rafer Johnson and Juan Romero. They responded without hesitancy.

On July 25, 1969, Special Unit Senator was finally and officially closed out. It had been in existence for more than a year, and the ending marked the completion of the longest, largest and most expensive criminal investigation ever undertaken by the Los Angeles Police Department, possibly the most extensive investigation ever conducted by any local law enforcement agency.

On that date the voluminous SUS files, in four locked

cabinets, were shifted out of Room 803 in Parker Center for storage. Contained in them is more than fifty thousand pages of documentation and material evidence. Evidence too large for the cabinets has been recorded by photography.

The Filing Guide to these records, drawer by drawer, tells the broad story of people, places and events from the birth of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan to the conclusion of his trial. Beyond that, to the final posttrial investigations of the special unit.

The indexed story is a more intimate view into these files, and shows, for example, that 4,818 separate interviews and interrogations were conducted. The official correspondence, daily logs, section reports, progress reports, gun and gun-range reports, case preparations, conspiracy-potential investigations seem to be endless. To this small mountain of paper may be added 155 items of booked evidence, 1,700 photographs, 190 reels of tape, and 20 reels of sixteen-millimeter film.

Although I read the reports daily and met constantly with Captain Brown and SUS team heads to explore one aspect or another of the investigation, I was astonished by the sheer mass of the unit's total effort.

Now it has all been boiled down to ten illustrated bound volumes entitled *An Investigation Summary of the Senator Robert F. Kennedy Assassination, June 5, 1968*. These volumes represent my report to the Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department. Two sets will remain with LAPD, and the third set has been forwarded to the Attorney General of the United States.

Throughout the entire SUS investigation, parallel investigations were conducted by the FBI and the District Attor-

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Thanks.  
Rita Kopp*

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WILLIAM G. OHLHAUSEN

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NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017

October 12, 1970

Mr. Richard G. Kleindienst  
Deputy Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Kleindienst:

Thank you for your letter of October 8th. In all sincerity, I very much appreciate your promptness and your suggestion.

If I were in California, I probably would first direct my request to the local authorities. However, as I am in Washington and copies of the records sought are in Washington, I must renew my request to you to examine them here.

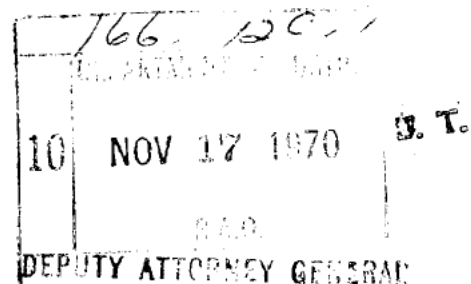
Further, the stated "policy" of the Department is one thing; the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552 are another. Under the provisions of that statute, I believe I am entitled to access to the nine (or ten) volumes in question. And I am most hopeful that the Department of Justice will make them available promptly without my having to resort to litigation.

Most respectfully yours,

*Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.*

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.  
Executive Director

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December 4, 1970

Honorable John Jaraman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

I have received your communication transmitting a copy of a letter from one of your constituents who requests information about the Sirhan Sirhan case in California.

The first question is: "How much taxpayer's money has been spent on Sirhan to date exclusive of the \$900,000.00 spent on his trial in Los Angeles?" I regret that the Department of Justice has no information about this matter.

The second question is: "The amount of federal funds being used to subsidize his family due to the cruelty imposed upon them by the press?" This Department is not aware of any federal funds being used to subsidize Sirhan's family in any way.

The third question is: "Why the legal entanglements posed by Sirhan's lawyers cannot be brought up and answered immediately so the death penalty can be imposed either in San Quentin or another appropriate institution?" Sirhan's trial was before a California State court. His attorneys are now exercising his right of appeal. Since the matter is still pending before the California courts, it would be inappropriate for the Department of Justice to comment.

I regret that we cannot be of any further assistance in this matter. Your enclosure is returned as requested.

Sincerely,

WILL WILSON  
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

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Deputy Attorney General

**Congress of the United States**

**House of Representatives**

**Washington, D.C.**

November 6, 19 70

Mr. Will R. Wilson  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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The attached communication  
**CRIMINAL DIVISION**  
is sent for your consideration.

Please investigate the statements  
contained therein and forward me  
the necessary information for re-  
ply, returning the enclosed corre-  
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

*John Jarman*

JOHN JARMAN, M. C.  
5th District, Oklahoma

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encl. ✓

P.S.: Many thanks in advance for  
your consideration of the enclosed  
request. Please expedite.

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The Honorable John Jarman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Thanks for the information on Sirhan Sirhan. In reading through it several questions in my mind are still unanswered, and I would appreciate you using your influence to get specific answers where possible.

The details of the Sirhan Sirhan case are extremely important to me, and I can think of no better vehicle than the United States Congress and Senate to obtain the answers to questions I am outlining below:

- 1) How much taxpayer's money has been spent on Sirhan to date exclusive of the \$900,000 spent on his trial in Los Angeles;
- 2) The amount of federal funds being used to subsidize his family due to the cruelty imposed upon them by the press;
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The Honorable John Jarman  
November 4, 1970  
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In summary, I'd like to know the exact expense incurred by the government to date, what the future holds, when we can expect some action and exactly what the United States government plans to do with the man who has been accused of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

Thanks for your indulgence. I'll look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Scott Reynolds  
2150 Springhouse Lane  
Aston, Pennsylvania 19014

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This is in reply to your letter postmarked  
November<sup>5</sup>, 1970, requesting information on  
Sirhan Sirhan.

Unfortunately the Department of Justice  
does not have available information on the  
above subject. You may wish to contact officials  
in Los Angeles, California or your local library  
for back issues of newspapers.

If we can be of any other assistance, please  
do not hesitate to contact us again.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

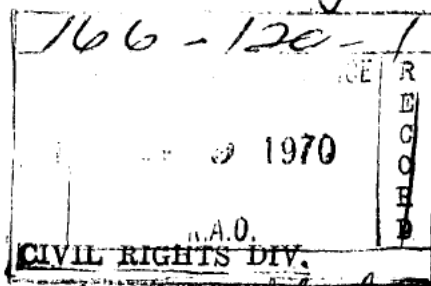
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SCOTT REYNOLDS  
2150 SPRINGHOUSE LAKE  
ASTON, PENNA.  
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Dear Sirs,

As a citizen of the United States, I have noticed a lack of justice in the punishment of one Sirhan Sirhan, brutal murderer of one of our country's greatest senators, Robert Francis Kennedy. As a citizen demanding justice, I would like to know why this man is still living? Doesn't the law dictate that in 1<sup>st</sup> degree murders the penalty is death? Would it be possible to send me some information as to why this man is still alive, drinking our water, eating our food, breathing our air and ~~just~~ giving nothing in return. This letter may sound like I'm a fanatic, well I am, about justice. Would you please send me a letter stating the reasons why he has not paid his debt to society? Just because I am ~~for~~ sixteen years of age means nothing. I have many persons in my school who feel as strongly as I do about this. They have a right to know, and so do I.



Thank you for your time,

Sophomore at Sun Valley High School



The United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

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Mrs. Emily Di Grazia  
355 Southgate Avenue, Apt. 319  
Daly City, California 94015

Dear Mrs. Di Grazia:

President Nixon has referred to this  
Department your correspondence. Please excuse  
our delay in responding.

You may be sure that your comments have  
been carefully noted.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

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President Nixon of  
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Dear Sir:

If it is sensible ~~and wise thing~~ to do, please liberate ~~to his people~~ Sirhan Sirhan. He was the victim of the mentality of War which is cruel and without good reason. No doubt he was made to understand that Robert Kennedy was a terrible enemy of his people. He did not know that Robert Kennedy was a man of God Almighty and was a man of Peace, and full of compassion for humanity. The reasons in Warfare are very cruel. Sirhan Sirhan was as a good soldier for his people,



over (Sirhan)

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prisoners

Being that you stated that all  
--soldiers of all nations should  
be given their freedom, I think  
that Sirhan Sirhan should be  
given his. I do hope that in  
this year of 1970 a just Peace  
will come to all nations of  
the World. How wonderful it  
would be if man would talk  
Peace with justice and Good  
Will, and <sup>no</sup> more Wars on this  
lovely planet. Please dear Mr.  
President Nixon, if it is  
right and wise, please  
release him to his  
people.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. Emily DiGrazia  
355 Southgate Ave. Apt. 319  
Daly City, California. 94015



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May God Almighty  
Bless the World with  
His Holy Peace through  
our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ.

May the ones who cause  
so much trouble and  
chaos, - they know not  
God Almighty will learn  
about their creator.

The Ten Commandments  
and learn how to pray.

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President Nixon  
1700 Pennsylvania Ave  
White House  
Washington D.C.

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Mr. W. Charlton Griffith  
Post Office Box 546  
Terrell, Texas 75160

Dear Mr. Griffith:

This is in response to your letter of August 21, 1970, concerning Sirhan Sirhan.

The matter raised in your letter is within the jurisdiction of the courts of California and is not a matter within the jurisdiction of this Department. Inquiries as to the status of that case should be directed to state authorities who are closer to the situation than this Department.

Sincerely,

cc: ✓ Records  
Chrono  
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Bourne

JERRIS LEONARD  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

By:

RICHARD W. BOURNE  
Attorney  
Voting & Public Accommodations

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W. CHARLTON GRIFFITH  
TERRELL, TEXAS

August 21, 1970

Mr. John M. Mitchell  
Attorney General  
Washington, D.C.

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AUG 27 1970

CIVIL RIGHTS

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Would you be kind enough to enlighten me as to why Sirhan Sirhan, who assassinated Mr. Robert Kennedy, has not been electrocuted?

I will appreciate this very much and am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope and trust you will take time to reply.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. Charlton Griffith

WCG:EC

AUG 28 1970

John M Mitchell  
Senate  
Washington, D.C.



W Charlton Griffith  
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Terrell, Texas 75160

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Mr. John M. Mitchell  
Attorney General of the United States  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Richard G. Kleindienst  
Deputy Attorney General

Sirhan B. Sirhan

Forwarded herewith is a copy of a letter to the Attorney General, dated October 19, 1970, with enclosures, from Bernard Fensterwald, Jr. asking for release of the FBI reports concerning the captioned case.

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HCP

Your advice is requested whether all of the Bureau's reports were made available to the defense in the Sirhan case, and if so, whether the defense (1) was permitted only to inspect the reports or (2) was actually furnished a set of duplicate copies. Please also advise whether any conditions were imposed, either by the court or by the prosecution, concerning the use which could be made of such materials.

Finally, we would appreciate your views with respect to Mr. Fensterwald's request.

Attachment

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Mr. Epstein  
Mr. Wilson  
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October 19, 1970

Attorney General John Mitchell  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Attached hereto is a completed form DJ-118, a request for access to official records under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 28 CFR Part 16.

The records sought are an FBI file with respect to Sirhan B. Sirhan.

If it were not for the fact that the file in question had been made available to writer Robert Blair Kaiser, and had not Mr. Kaiser made this fact known in his new book, RFK Must Die, [please see Attachment], you might be inclined to answer that the records in question were within an exemption in 5 U.S.C. 552. However, as they have been made available to a commercial writer and are the basis, at least in part, for his published book, we can see no reason why they should not be made equally available to our Committee, as 5 U.S.C. 552 require equality of treatment in access to records.

Therefore, we hope that the records can be made available without serious delay.

Most respectfully yours,

*Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.*  
Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.  
Executive Director

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# "R.F.K. Must Die!"

A History of  
the Robert Kennedy Assassination  
and Its Aftermath

by  
Robert Blair Kaiser



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... did anybody pay you to shoot Kennedy?" 321

"Of course it does," said Berman, wondering to himself just how the judge could be persuaded to let that happen.

"And I've got some books," said Jabara fiercely, "that ought to go in evidence."

"I'd like to have them right away," said Berman. "And anything else you've got on the subject."

Jabara smiled and relaxed enough to enjoy the greatest fried shrimp in town. "Okay," he said. "Okay."

"Here," I said, pushing a plate at Jabara, "have a fortune cookie and see what the fates have in store."

Jabara took a sip of tea, opened his cookie carefully and burst into a fit of laughter. He handed over a tiny scrap of paper imprinted with the message: "DON'T LET YOUR ENTHUSIASM OVERRIDE THE REALITY AROUND YOU." Jabara laughed again.

While the lawyers settled down to the weary task of picking twelve jurors and six alternates, I continued to read the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Office File 56-156, Bureau File No. 62-587. It was impressively heavy, comprising at least 4,000 pages of reports from special agents all over the United States who looked into the case of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan upon request of the Attorney General of the United States under the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

And it was well written. The report of the assassination itself by Amador O. Richards, Jr., of the Los Angeles office was a model of telegraphic clarity.

At approximately 12:15 A.M., 6/5/68, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY proclaimed victory in California primary election in crowded Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. As SENATOR KENNEDY and party were leaving Embassy Room through kitchen exit, a series of shots were fired by an unknown individual, subsequently identified as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. SENATOR KENNEDY fell backward onto floor, critically wounded with bullet in brain. SIRHAN wrestled to floor, disarmed and turned over to Los Angeles, California, police department (LAPD).

The reports gave me a chance to verify many of the associations Sirhan had already told me about. Here were summaries of FBI interviews with persons who had known Sirhan in school and with some of those who had

From  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
To

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Los Angeles, California

October 15, 1970

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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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An arrest report of the Sierra Madre Police Department dated September 23, 1970, shows that Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, brother of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, had been arrested on September 23, 1970, by the Sierra Madre Police Department, in charges of suspicion of possession of marijuana.

Arrest report of the Sierra Madre Police Department dated September 23, 1970, shows that Saidallah Bishara Sirhan was arrested at Lime and Sierra Madre Boulevard and charged with violations of Sections 11530 (Possession of Marijuana), and 11910 (Possession of Dangerous Drugs) of the California Health and Safety Code. The address of Saidallah Sirhan was listed in this report as 1659 North Lake, Number seven, Pasadena, California.

According to the arrest report Saidallah Sirhan and two other suspects were in a vehicle when an attempt was made by a Sierra Madre police officer to stop the vehicle for a traffic violation. While attempting to stop the vehicle, a plastic bag containing a green leafy substance resembling marijuana, was thrown from the vehicle. During the inventory of Saidallah Sirhan's property additional contraband was found.

According to the crime report of this incident, the arresting officer observed a vehicle driven by Saidallah Sirhan on which the license plate light was inoperative. The vehicle was being driven erratically and while attempting to halt the vehicle, the arresting officer observed a plastic bag expelled from the left front window of the car. This was later retrieved and found to contain a green leafy substance resembling marijuana.

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The three suspects were arrested and transported to the Sierra Madre Police Department for booking. While removing personal belongings from Saidallah Sirhan a tin foil wrapper containing five blue-green capsules of a white powdery substance were observed to fall from his folded up shirt sleeve.

Saidallah Sirhan was arraigned on September 23, 1970, in Division Two, Pasadena Municipal Court. A preliminary hearing was set for October 2, 1970, in Division One of the same court.

On October 2, 1970, the case against Saidallah Sirhan was dismissed as there was insufficient information to link the defendant with the evidence.

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Mr. Edward T. Compte  
8615 East Whittier Boulevard, Apt. 206  
Pico Rivera, California 90660

Dear Mr. Compte:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your correspondence of October 1, 1970, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write him. You may be sure that your comments have been carefully noted.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

By:

DOROTHY E. MEAD  
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Mr. President  
Richard Milhouse Nixon  
The just making a Mockery and  
publicity for themselves through the  
Sirhan case. The Attorneys. When it is  
pretty unlikely he will ever make it through  
the legal system of today. Just send him  
and his family back to Arabia or where  
ever he came from. Also wrote Governor  
- Ronald Reagan -

about matter also. Am presently  
going after mock up of my home  
city apartments or housing or apartments  
for everyone. Should have mock up ready  
in about 60 to 90 days. OK.

signed Edward J. Compti

Ed. Compt.  
8615 E. Anthony Blvd Apt 206  
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President Richard Milhous Nixon  
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AIR MAIL

Honorable Evelle J. Younger  
District Attorney  
County of Los Angeles  
Office of the District Attorney  
600 Hall of Justice  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Younger:

Thank you for your letter of September 22, 1970 regarding a possible attempt to raise a conspiracy issue in connection with the assassination of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

We shall be glad to avail ourselves of information in your files should developments indicate the necessity for a conspiracy investigation or other action by this Department. However, nothing has come to our attention suggesting the necessity for such an investigation at the present time.

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

cc: ✓ Records  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

EVELLE J. YOUNGER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

September 22, 1970

4-637-145

Honorable John N. Mitchell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Mitchell:

In re: Sirhan B. Sirhan

Subsequent to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the staff of this office, together with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, conducted an extensive investigation into the possible existence of a criminal conspiracy in connection with the Senator's death.

The conclusion from this investigation was and is that there was no conspiracy and that Sirhan B. Sirhan acted alone.

As might be expected in a case involving nationwide publicity, certain authors are currently attempting to suggest that a conspiracy did in fact exist. Mr. Robert Kaiser, in a book, "RFK Must Die," suggests that Sirhan was a "Manchurian Candidate," computerized to assassinate Senator Kennedy.

One free lance reporter has advanced a theory that Sirhan was assisted in the assassination by a right wing security guard on duty at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the assassination.

This letter is to inform you that this office is aware of these persons and their theories involving a purported conspiracy. The policy of this office is to investigate and evaluate all information suggesting a conspiracy. To date, the theories advanced by these individuals have neither suggested new evidence nor altered the conclusion heretofore stated.

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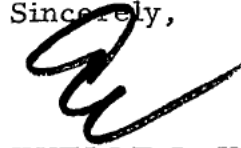
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September 22, 1970

Should you desire any information from our files regarding these theories or others which may arise and come to your attention, this office will cooperate in every manner possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'EJ Younger', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

EVELLE J. YOUNGER  
District Attorney

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cc: Honorable Robert L. Meyer, United States Attorney for the  
Central District of California  
Honorable Edward M. Davis, Chief of Police,  
Los Angeles Police Department

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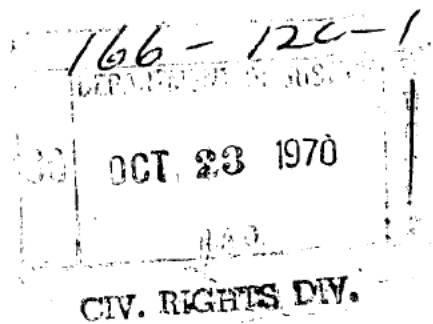
Dear Mr. President:

It is still quite a while before the presidential campaign, but I think we should not saddle the people with the cost of providing special guards for the presidential candidates. Of course right after Robert Kennedy was assassinated there was quite an uproar. But you know Robert Kennedy did have a life guard and it didn't do him any good.

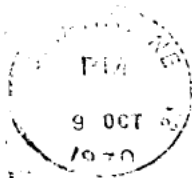
And about these North Vietnamese why cant some one accidentally get one of those bombs we used on Japan and use it on them? They arn't really people are the y? They are just war mongers.

Sincerely

*W. Duphin*



MARTHA SUTPHIN  
2806 State Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68112



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Mr. John Mitchell  
U.S. Att. General  
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CORRES. MAIL

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

Dear Sir: SEP 11 1970

We see in our newspapers a picture of the  
killer of Robert Kennedy. I suppose the Republican  
newspapers, and that is what all the news  
papers are. The television net works are  
also Republican and the millionaires in this  
country are Republican, also the doctors.  
The rich men in the South who control the  
Nixon administration did not want John  
or Bob Kennedy to be President of the  
U.S. so they paid to have them killed.  
We all know the true story of John  
Kennedy's death was never told. Johnson  
was afraid to have his death invest-  
igated, and that is why democrats  
all over the country have no respect  
for Johnson. Johnson knows this and  
he is a good Republican now. Of course  
he is a rich man from the South.  
The newspapers carried a picture of  
Bernard's mother. She was trying to look  
happy. A great many people believe  
that she was going along with the

Palestinian guerrillas to get her son released. That is the opinion of people in California. It does not make any difference how pitiful the newspapers makes the old woman appear. We think she should be thrown in jail. Sirhan is a convicted murderer and he was given the death sentence, but we all know he will never die for Bob Kennedy's death as long as we have a Republican administration.

John and Bob Kennedy wanted every one to live in dignity. They wanted little children to have enough to eat, so that they could get a good start in life. They wanted to help the poor, the sick and the elderly, and the people in the low income bracket. For this reason big industry, the millionaires, and the white men from the South had him killed. The Republicans and millionaires in the South had Bob Kennedy killed because they were afraid he would win the election ~~isn't~~ that the way the communists do. Do we do any different than the communists. Why are we fighting the

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communists. It is such a waste. When the communists do not want men in office they kill them. Are we any different. We are wasting the lives of our young men. They are being killed every day fighting communists, while we are doing the same thing in this country. The people will never forget about the Kennedy deaths, no more than they will forget the 6,000,000 Jews ~~that~~ were killed in Germany. There was no reason to kill these Jews, yet the people in this country have had to do without the necessities of life and this country has given Germany billions of dollars, and now they have a better economy than we do. It is the same way with Japan. Our government have been very liberal with Japan. They have a better economy than we have. Our govt has taken from the American people to help Japan. I am not a Catholic and I am a white man. I do not even think enough of my country to vote anymore.

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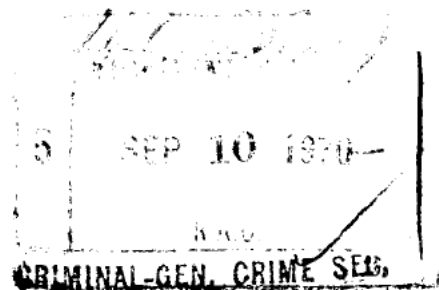
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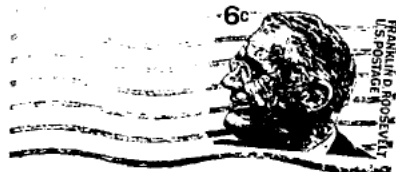
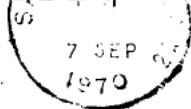
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Mrs. Frances Hoffman  
385 Danforth Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey 07305

Dear Mrs. Hoffman:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your letter, dated May 23, 1970, regarding Sirhan Sirhan and Jack Ruby. Please excuse the delay of this response.

While the federal government is of course concerned about the cases in which these men were tried, it has no general jurisdiction regarding the crime of murder, with which each was charged; instead, trials for murder are generally held in state court and prosecuted by state officials. The questions raised in your letter are therefore matters within the primary jurisdiction of state authorities in California and Texas and inquiries regarding the disposition of these cases should be sent to them for appropriate response.

RWB  
12/2/70

Sincerely,

JERRIS LEONARD  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

cc: ✓ Records  
Chrono  
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By: RICHARD W. BOURNE  
Attorney  
Voting & Public Accommodations

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Dear Mr. President, (Nixon).

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Why do the

authorities keep Sirhan B  
Sirhan alive after ~~she~~ shot  
Robert Francis Kennedy in  
the Ambassador Hotel also  
injuring by shots 4 other  
people who were standing  
near by. It is 2 yrs. since  
the killing of Robert Kennedy  
& Sirhan B. Sirhan is still  
alive why? 166-12C-1

Why when Jack Ruby  
shot Lee Harvey Oswald  
in Dallas in the (belly)  
& Oswald died, Jack Ruby  
received life imprisonment  
& died of cancer within 6 mo.  
of his sentence? Frances Hoffman  
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Pres. Richard Nixon  
White House  
Washington, D.C.  
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Frances (Abe) Hoffman  
385 W. 4th St.,  
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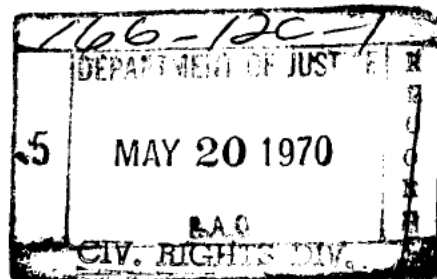
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Dear President Nixon;

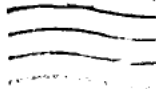
I am an 8th grade student at Margaret Mace Junior High School in North Wildwood, New Jersey. Today during our History class the discussion came up about Sirhan Sirhan and why he is given special privileges such as an over-sized cell and a color television. I have read in the newspapers that this man has been found guilty of killing Senator Robert F. Kennedy. There is no reason why he should get these privileges while no one else does. Everyone in my classroom is concerned and I am sure that we are not the only ones that wonder why he is given these special privileges. My class and I would be very grateful if this letter would be answered.

Thank You

Sincerely Yours,  
Sandy Glock  
212 E. 16th St.  
North Wildwood,  
New Jersey  
08260



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President Nixon  
White House  
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JUN 15 1970

Miss Melissa L. Clendinen  
1022 South Sterling Street  
Tampa, Florida 33609

Dear Miss Clendinen:

President Nixon has referred to this Department your correspondence received May 6, 1970, concerning Sirhan Sirhan. We apologize for our delay in responding.

You can understand that it is not possible for the President personally to answer all the correspondence addressed to him. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write. You may be sure that your views and comments have been noted.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Nixon,

Although I am only a girl of 15 years,  
I think that a lot of people feel as  
I do. Sirhan should be brought to justice.

I admired Bobby Kennedy very much, and  
I feel that a great injustice has been  
done to his family and to the American  
people by letting him live even this  
long.

I think that the law is at fault.  
Can't something be done about it? Through  
it, many guilty men have been allowed to  
go free, because of many of the appeals  
they made, when they should have been  
dead long ago.

I have talked to my father about it, and  
asked him to write an editorial on it, but  
what he says is true; it wouldn't accomplish  
anything.

I know that you couldn't directly influence  
the courts, but you could help by appoint-  
ing better judges who would get

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more done. I have great faith in you,  
Mr. Nixon. I hope that you can be of  
some good to this country.

Sincerely yours,  
Melissa Clendinen



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